

## CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECEIVES MASS. CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT



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The Cambridge Historical Commission has been awarded a \$5,500 grant by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Cultural Investment Portfolio (CIP).

The unrestricted grant will support two part time Archivists, who, with a small team of interns and volunteers, are creating a more robust online presence for the Commission's extensive public archive. Currently, the Archivists are processing several interesting and unusual photographic collections; images will be scanned and uploaded to our Flickr account, with detailed notes about the source, site, photographer, etc. The Archivists also guide and mentor interns from the Simmons College School of Library and Information Sciences.

*Aliza Leventhal (right), a recent graduate of Simmons' Library school and an archives intern at the Commission, talks to visitors during the Open Archives Tour in June 2013.*

*Ms. Leventhal processed and wrote a finding aid for an extensive collection of plans, documents, and artifacts of the late William Galvin, a Cambridge architect.*

*Finding aid:*

[www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/fa\\_galvin.htm](http://www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/fa_galvin.htm)



The Cultural Investment Portfolio is a unique grant and advocacy program that offers unrestricted, multi-year grants to nonprofit arts, humanities, and interpretive science organizations in Massachusetts. Grants are offered at three levels, and the Commission participates at the Partner level, the highest. Partners have a long funding history with the MCC and a strong record of providing public cultural programming to the residents of Massachusetts.



*Lauren Buie, an archives intern from Simmons' Library school, is processing an unusual collection of photographs.*

*In June 1901, the City widened and upgraded services on a block of Clark Street between Washington and School streets in the Port (Area 4); the Engineering Department carefully documented the work with before and after photographs. This image of 55 Clark Street (and a passel of neighborhood children) was taken on June 1, 1901, at 2:14 PM. The weather was pleasant.*

*The area was completely razed in 1936 to make way for New Towne Court.*

The Historical Commission deeply appreciates the ongoing work of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is grateful for the legislature's important and generous support of the Council. Our organization and many others throughout the Commonwealth depend on the assistance of the Council to enable us to offer high quality cultural programming to a variety of audiences.